

**Salem County YSC**  
**January 8, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm by Jean Kuhl. Introductions were made around the room.

**Attendees:** Jean Kuhl; Ron Hudak; Jerry Oglesby; Alexandra Oasin; Gabrielle Hall; Armando Gonzalez; Greg Wolf; Frankie Callaghan; Pam Comerford; Sarah Kuhl; Jennifer Rodriguez; Christine Graves; Brian Pennington; Herbert Woodward; Allison Ford; Ed Ramsey; Mona Prakash; Amber Smith; Dawn Heaton; Joshua Stafford; Jason Helder; Marina Riley; Meghan Rush; Jenna Harvey; Urie Anderson; Jody Veler; Christina DiGiovacchino.

**Approval of last month's meeting minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from December 2019 was made by Armando Gonzalez and was seconded by Sarah Kuhl: 0 nays. 0 abstentions.  
November 2019 meeting minutes will be made available in the February meeting for committee approval.

**Committee Reports:**

Planning and allocations – Ron Hudak: SMILE club funds will be reallocated according to the voting results of today's meeting. If the vote favors reallocation, a total of \$12,000 will be evenly distributed among the remaining YSC-funded programs already in place within the Salem County school districts. This decision was made by the YSC Planning subcommittee due to the lack of time for a new RFP. Funds left over from Cumberland First Step program are unable to be reallocated due to lack of time. Nearly \$40,000 will be given back to the JJC.

Quality Assurance – Armando Gonzalez: Nothing to report.

JET – Greg Wolf: Nothing to report. Meeting for January 7, 2020 was cancelled. Next meeting will be held on February 4, 2020.

**Administrators Report** – Jody: Community Needs Assessment will be coming out for the Human Services Advisory Council. A large portion of the assessment pertains to youth, so some assistance will be needed.

**JJC Liaison Report** – Nothing to report.

**Providers Reports:**

Acenda Health: No representatives were in attendance.

YAP –Pay It Forward: 22 clients in total served in 2019. Currently has 3 active clients; 2 are prevention, 1 diversion. The diversion youth will be finishing up within the next few days and is finishing up his

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community service. They continue to provide anti-theft programming, anger management and community service activities.

Quinton Township: No representatives were in attendance.

Pittsgrove Middle School: The Anti-Gang Renaissance program has spent all of their money for 2019. They recently held a winter break hot chocolate party. The program has also ordered gift incentives for the kids including: tablets, headphones, and gift cards. The school clubs are also doing extremely well; 473 students are currently enrolled.

Penns Grove HS: The MENTORS program has spent all of their money for 2019. 22 students are currently enrolled in the program. Continue to hold weekly meetings with their youth and an anti-gang specialist. They are hoping to add an additional specialist specifically for the girls in the program.

Challenge Day, a social and emotional experience, is scheduled for February 19, 2020 - the theme is mental health. They are seeking volunteers to assist with the day's activities if anyone is interested.

First Step: 16 have been serviced during 2019. They have 2 clients who were scheduled, 1 who completed successfully the program, and 3 who are currently attending. They have not spent all their allocated funds for the year. They will continue to provide drug & alcohol assessment, treatment, anger management, and transportation in 2020.

JDAI- BRIDGE Program: 20 students served 16 successful completions. There has been an increase in parental involvement and engagement in regards to completion ceremonies. An open house will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00PM. This will be an informational session for parents and juveniles who may be interested in the program. Anticipated spring start date is aimed for early February 2020. This semester will be 12 weeks long instead of the previous 8 weeks.

**SODAT PET:** There were 29 youth served for 2019. Four total trips in 2019 that included visits to the Ben Franklin Institute, a Phillies game, a Philadelphia bus tour, and a family trip to Longwood Gardens. The program has decided to distribute digital cameras on these trips from now on due to the increase of overall interaction and engagement they've seen with this particular feature.

No super incentives were provided in 2019. Both programs will continue to provide services for 2020. The program has also been approved to do 6 probation orientations throughout this year: beginning February 25, 2020 - they will be taking place in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Court House. Start time will be 5:30PM and they will be held every other month.

A PET & BRIDGE joint subcommittee has been formed. The first meeting will be on February 18, 2020 and the Fenwick Building's first floor training room. The start time will be 1:00PM - anyone is welcome to attend. \$2,660 was unused by PET at the end of 2019 due to them only having 7 months to spend their entire budget for the year.

**Old Business** – Ms. Jean's Gems: Words of the Day "Bias, Perception, and Point of View"

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**New Business** – A vote was held to reallocate the SMILE club funds and distribute it to the other YSC Funded school programs within the county. Ed Ramsey made a motion to approve on this particular matter, Jerry Oglesby seconded the motion: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 abstentions.

\$12,000 of funds are to be reallocated to:

- Shining Stars - Penns Grove High School
- Culture Club - Quinton School
- PRIDE – Pittsgrove Middle School
- Anti-Gang – Pittsgrove Middle School
- MENTORS – AP Shalick High School

Each program will receive \$2,400 of additional funding.

**Announcements –**

No announcements.

**Adjournment –**

Armando made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:39PM

Sarah Kuhl seconded this motion.

Our next meeting will be February 5, 2020 at 12:00PM